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## Shot In the Night Struck a Passenger

Ralph Lamb, of Salina, who was on the observation platform of No. 110, west bound Union Pacific passenger, was hit in the abdomen by a stray bullet, supposedly one of a volley of nine shots fired by a joyriding party of three men when their motor car sped east, south of the G. C. Sterl residence last Sunday night at the point where the train slows down for the Santa Fe crossing, and the road adjoins the right-of-way. Emergency treatment was given Lamb. The train did not stop and the Abilene officers were not warned until the train had arrived at Solomon, one half hour later. The culprits who did the shooting have not been apprehended.

The train was crowded and Mr. and Mrs. Lamb, who were returning from Kansas City, went to the observation. "I'm shot," Lamb was heard to explain to the great surprise of his fellow passengers. His wife, who was at his side, screamed. After emergency treatment he was taken on to his home at Salina. A long distance call to the Reflector this afternoon brought word that the bullet inflicted

a flesh wound and that Lamb was resting well today. Mrs. Lamb was the Sunflower princess of the Kansas movie and with her husband was returning from Kansas City from the making of the picture in which she had the leading role. Lamb is an automobile salesman.

### Nine Shots Fired.

A series of three volleys of shots were heard by people over the city just as the train was slowing up for the crossing. The only description obtainable of the car carrying the joyriders who are blamed for the shooting, was that it had a steamboat whistle. It disappeared by the time Sheriff Hassler and Night Marshal Haugh were notified and today the officers and railroad detectives were bending every effort to trace down the unknown shooters. It has not been determined whether the shots were deliberately fired at the train by the men who had been boozing, or into the air just for the fun of it. A car, similarly described, passed through Solomon just a short time before the excitement here and three revolver discharges were heard.

## H. G. Kyle Heads New Republican Committee

The Republican central committee and candidates met at the court house last Tuesday. There was a full attendance and harmony and enthusiasm abounding. H. G. Kyle was elected chairman. T. R. Conklin declined to serve because of heavy outside duties with his profession and as president of the fair as-

sociation. H. W. Rohrer was elected secretary and W. C. Grigg, of Navarre, was chosen treasurer.

Spirited and enthusiastic talks were made by several and all were confident of 1916 being a Republican year. There were indications of much faith in the presidential nominee and Hughes and Fairbanks clubs will be organized over the county.

### ENSILAGE FAN LACERATES ARM

Harry Bricker Victim in Painful Accident This Noon.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Harry Bricker suffered a badly mangled and lacerated left arm in the blower fan of an ensilage cutter at his farm six and one-half miles southeast of town just before noon today. The drive belt had been replaced after a stop when somebody suggested that there was probably something in the fan that caused the belt to fly off. Bricker reached in to investigate, and another workman not knowing it, signaled to the engineer, Will Sheets, to start, which he did, and catching Mr. Bricker's arm in the fan. The physicians hope to prevent amputation, but the arm will be stiff at the elbow and badly disfigured.

Mr. Bricker suffered intense pain. The flesh and muscles were torn away, baring much of the bone below the elbow, and the bones were twisted around and back out of place. The terrific momentum quickly picked up by the heavy fan blades did its disastrous work quickly. Workmen who were near quickly rushed to his aid and a physician who was called immediately, did all within his power to relieve Mr. Bricker's suffering. Mr. Bricker has the sympathy of many in his sad accident.

### ROGER ROBSON THROWN FROM HORSE AND KICKED TO DEATH

The following taken from the Inyo (California) Independent gives the particulars of the death of Roger Robson, a former Dickinson county resident and well known in the Talmage neighborhood:

"Last Wednesday evening, about 6:30, occurred one of the most shocking accidents that has ever happened in Independence, it resulting in the death of Roger Robson, manager of the Robson ranch here.

"Several of his horses had gotten out of the pasture and Mr. Robson was trying to drive them back, riding a horse bareback. In some way the horse threw him and kicked him in the stomach. Mrs. Robson saw the horse running without its rider and went in search of her husband, whom she found lying upon the ground in an almost unconscious condition some little distance from the ranch house. A doctor administered first

treatment to Mr. Robson while he was still lying upon the ground, after which he was placed in Norm Mears' car and an effort made to get him to the ranch house, but before this could be done, he passed away.

"Mr. Robson came here about a year ago from Ontario, Calif., and took charge of the Robson ranch here. His son, R. E. Robson, has for several years past been in charge of the Owens Valley Improvement Co.'s property at Manzanar and here. He was a hard-working, industrious man, and, while not well known here, was highly respected by all who did know him.

"Mr. Robson was born in Galena, Ill., being at the time of his death 59 years, 6 months and 9 days of age. The body was shipped to Ontario Thursday for burial, being accompanied by the wife of the deceased and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Robson."

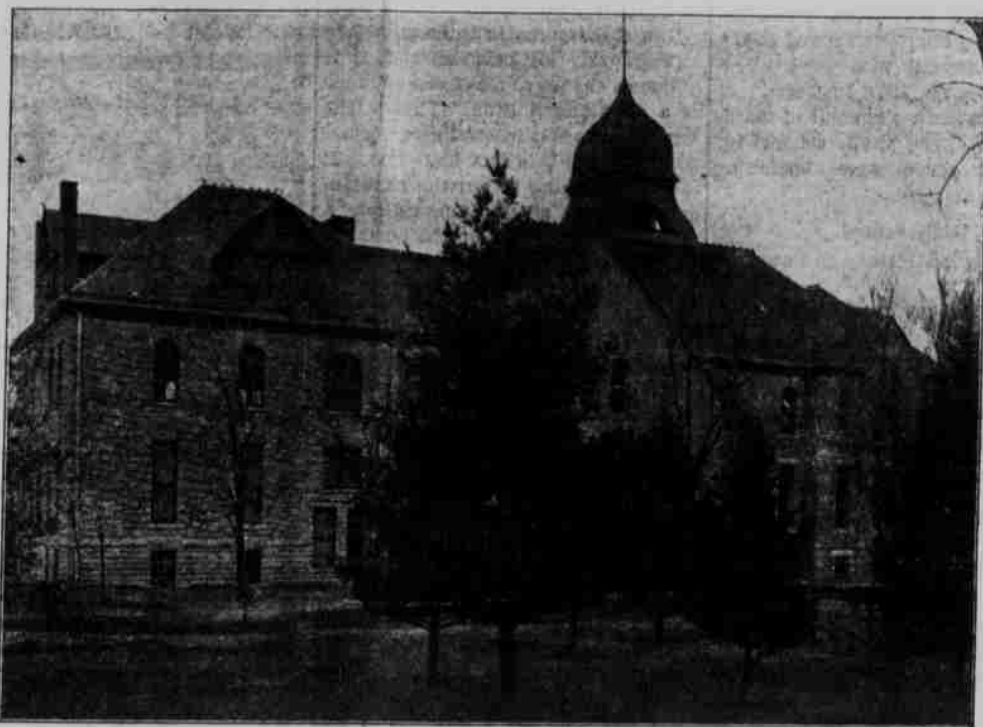
### FORMER DICKINSONIAN INJURED BY AUTO AT SALINA

Mr. T. J. O'Connell, an aged man and farmer who removed to Salina from Salina from Dickinson county, who lives at 448 South Ninth, was struck Wednesday morning on South Santa Fe avenue by a car being driven by Mrs. Hugh Maxwell. He had emerged from the rear of a street car and was then hit by the car. Mr. O'Connell was unconscious when picked up, but soon recovered. He has been resting easy and it is believed no bad results will follow.—Salina Union.

### MANHATTAN MOTORISTS MET DISASTROUS WINGS

The following is a paragraph of a journal written by some Manhattan motorists and published in the Manhattan Nationalist:

"The further we went towards Abilene the stronger the wind blew until I felt like it was blowing the peeling-off my face and it almost took my breath away, but it made it cooler and brought to us the sweet smell of the alfalfa fields in bloom. Some of the wheat fields were being plowed for the fall wheat. Talk about the discomforts of traveling! I had just gotten a drink of water and was bringing a cup of water for the children when the car gave a lurch and I spilled half of it on the shoulder of the nearest man."



## County High School Will Open Sept. 5

On Sept. 5th, 1916, the Dickinson county high school will begin its 28th year with a larger corps of teachers and a greater variety of subjects to meet the different tastes and inclinations of pupils than ever before.

The faculty will include fifteen teachers, all of whom have had college training and special training in their line of work. The courses include commercial work equal to that of the business colleges; College Preparatory; the Dickinson County High School being fully approved by the Kansas State University, Kansas State Board of Education, and the North Central Association Central schools which admit the students of this course to most colleges and universities of the United States without examination.

Five years are offered in mechanics, which include woodwork, ironwork, machine work and printing. Four years in agriculture with practical demonstration on the high school farm and in the school orchard. This work will be greatly facilitated by the use of the new greenhouse which was constructed last year by the mechanics students.

The science work of the high school is especially strong besides the applied sciences in agriculture and home economics, there are physics, chemistry, botany, bacteriology and physiology. In music the school is excelled by none, there being six years work in high school and college piano besides the elementary piano work. Four years in voice and

four years in violin, these courses being approved by the university school of music.

In addition to the regular courses there is a high school band, orchestra, two glee clubs, chorus, and sight singing class which meets five times a week for the whole year, free to all students, who are able to take up any of these musical lines of culture.

The new catalogue is being mailed to prospective students in all parts of the county. This catalogue is the work of the faculty and students of the Dickinson County High School, both publication and printing was done by the school with their printing equipment. If a catalogue is desired write to the Principal, W. S. Robb, Chapman, Kansas.

### MOTOR TOURISTS FROM OLD TOWN, ME., THROUGH ABILENE

Not a day passes but what dozens of cars go through Abilene on the Golden Belt road enroute from towns in adjoining states. Occasionally there is one from a middle eastern or western state, but today was an exception. About ten o'clock a five passenger automobile carrying a pennant from Old Town, and a state license tag from Maine, went through town westward bound. A man, woman and three children made up the party. They stopped at one huckster wagon, purchased several Sand Springs melons and drove on.

## Abilene Cops After Automobile Speeders

Beware! If you are a speed fiend.

Saturday night City Marshal Engle and a deputy, Elmer Elwick, slipped one over on Abilene motorists and at a party in police court this morning. Jay Harding, Lester Schuerman, O. B. Landes and George Selby paid \$10 apiece into the fine fund, and Philip Carlson, cashier of a bank at Solomon, forfeited a cash bond of \$10

which he put up Saturday night when stopped on North Buckeye by the officers. All except Schuerman were driving automobiles, and he had a motor bike. The complaint was exceeding the speed limit of twenty miles an hour.

Engle and Elwick were stationed four blocks apart and by flashlights and stopwatches they determined the speed of the cars. Engle has given fair warning now and the officers are determined to put a stop to speeding. He says he is just as liable to appear at East Enterprise some evening as West Second. Nobody knows.

Engle also warns against not having rear lights burning on cars. A crusade to eliminate this has been inaugurated. Saturday night Elwick counted thirty-two cars with no tail lights burning.

### N. B. MARTIN ERECTING APARTMENT HOUSE ON N. BROADWAY

By the first of October N. B. Martin hopes to have another apartment house ready for occupancy in Abilene. He is building a new structure on the old Woods property, North Broadway. The building will have four four-room apartments with bath, sleeping porch and two closets for each apartment. A vapor heating plant, one of the modern heating systems, is being installed. Many other modern features will be embodied in the new structure.

### TALMAGE TENT MEETINGS TO CONTINUE THROUGH WEEK

The tent meetings at Talmage are progressing with gathering interest according to the Rev. Benson of the M. E. church, who is his own evangelist. Five hundred people were in the meetings Sunday and the Rev. John Endacot, of Junction City, preached some very able sermons. The services will continue this week, including Saturday.

Tonight will be Sunday school night and next Sunday will be church letter day. Each night during the week some pertinent question of the Christian life will be discussed. Everybody is invited to come and hear the messages.

### HUGHES IN ABILENE SEPT. 1.

Date of Kansas Itinerary Changed for Fourth Time.

Topeka, Aug. 22.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican presidential nominee will make five stops in Kansas, probably six, according to plans made in the governor's office yesterday afternoon. He will be here for one hour the afternoon of September 1, arriving on the Union Pacific flyer at 2:47 p. m. The train will be held here until 3:47 p. m.

Stops of from five to ten minutes also will be made at Hays, 7:05 o'clock in the morning; Salina about ten o'clock; Abilene about eleven o'clock and Junction City at 12:30 just after noon. A short stop at Ellisworth may be arranged also.

### OLD SETTLERS REUNION SEPT. 7

Old Residents of Dickinson County to Gather at Enterprise

The seventeenth annual reunion of Dickinson County Old Settlers and Historical society will be held at Enterprise, Thursday, September 7. The officers and committees in charge are rapidly getting plans and arrangements for their annual events lined out and on the seventh of September the early residents of the county will once again gather at the grove at Enterprise and talk over old times and reminiscences of the early days in this county. J. H. Engle will deliver an historical address on the Pennsylvania German in Dickinson county.

The officers of the Old Settlers and Historical society are: President, C. O. Scafford; secretary, R. W. Hoffman; vice presidents, Wm. Ramsey, J. N. Burton and Chas. Koopke.

### NEED FOR MORE ROOM IN ABILENE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The high school in its present form dates from 1906, the year of the erection of the present building. A few comparisons taken from the records serve to show its growth in the ten years:

	1906	1916
Total enrollment	131	292
Freshman Class	58	115
Class hours per day	25	65
Number teachers employed	5	12
Number subjects taught	11	40

The building of a new and modern high school implies a thorough reorganization of the city schools. Each of the three ward schools would then contain six years of work, or grades; the present high school building would house the intermediate school, or the seventh and eighth grades, and the new building would contain the regular high school students, or the ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth years of work.

Garfield school last year enrolled 494 pupils, or practically 50 pupils per teacher. This year the eighth grade of this school will number about 100 pupils. Our incoming freshman classes will hereafter steadily enroll over 100 students.

The following figures show enrollment by grades in the years 1906 and 1916:

	1906	1916
Grade I	71	102
Grade II	87	101
Grade III	94	116
Grade IV	75	108
Grade V	80	118
Grade VI	89	109
Grade VII	79	104
Grade VIII	72	78

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The above table reveals clearly the need for added room in the grades as well as in the high school. Pupils go to school today much more generally and steadily and for a longer period of years than they did ten years ago.

### SEES SISTER AFTER 40 YEARS

Mrs. Kate Crum Comes From Los Angeles to Surprise Brother

If John Swanson, South Mulberry street, was ever surprised in his life it was this morning at nine thirty o'clock when his sister, whom he has not seen or heard of in forty years, walked in on him and his family. She came to Abilene from Los Angeles to make her long lost brother a visit. In the forty years Mr. Swanson has had no trace of his sister and today they spent a day seldom equalled in life's span, talking over the happenings of early days and recalling childhood memories.

## Don't Carry About a Great Roll of Money!

If you have made a few hundred dollars in a business deal or a lucky speculation DEPOSIT THEM IN A BANK AT ONCE.

The possession of a large amount of currency is a temptation to spend.

You Will Not Be So Ready to Draw a Check as You Will to Spend the Ready Cash.

We invite you to call anytime and let us show you how a bank can serve you.

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